

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**HB 989 - SB 1099**

April 2, 2007

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires all disciplinary actions, criminal violations, and civil actions pertaining to the official capacity of teachers and administrators to be collected by the LEAs and provided to the Department of Education in order to create individual profiles of such teachers and administrators in a format that shall be available for dissemination to the public which shall include electronic media, including the Internet; requires the department to maintain a toll-free telephone line as another way to make the information available to the public.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures\* - \$70,000**

**Assumptions:**

- According to the Department of Education, such information is a public record and is maintained in hard copy files by the State Board of Education. It is not currently accessible to the public via the Internet or a toll-free telephone line.
- The Department of Education is required to assess LEAs the reasonable costs associated with providing the services and information. The department estimates a cost of \$30,000 to build and maintain a data base to collect, house, and update such information to be made available to the public.
- In addition, a staff position would be required in the Office of Teacher Licensure to answer the toll-free line, maintain the data, collect data from the LEAS, and work with teachers to ensure the accuracy of the information before posting on the Internet. The staff position is estimated to cost \$40,000 including benefits.
- There is no installation fee or monthly charge for maintaining a toll-free telephone line; however, there would be a \$.35 per minute cost.

\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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